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SUBJECT: LNG TANKER LAUNCHING IN MASSACHUSETTS

REF: (A) JAKARTA 7187 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 127694 (NOTAL)

1. AMBASSADOR MET WITH MINES MINISTER SADLI AND OIL AND GAS DIRECTOR WIJARSO JUNE 7 TO EXPRESS REGRETS OVER UNFORTUNATE TREATMENT ACCORDED INDONESIAN DELEGATION AT GENERAL DYNAMIC'S (GD) SHIP LAUNCHING CEREMONY. AMBASSADOR'S DECISION TO EXPRESS REGRET WAS PROMPTED BY FIRSTHAND REPORTS FROM GEORGE BENSON AND PERTAMINA SOURCES INDICATING THAT GOI REGARDS AFFAIR AS MAJOR INCIDENT.

2. MINISTER SADLI, IN RESPONSE TO MY REMARKS, INDICATED HE HAD JUST BEEN BRIEFED ON EPISODE; UNLIKE WIRJARSO, WHO VIEWS EVENT AS INSULT IN INDONESIA, SADLI SEEMED SOMEWHAT MORE RELAXED.

3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION, WIJARSO SHOWED EMBOFF COPY OF TELEX SENT TO GD'S VICE PRESIDENT FOR SHIPBUILDING (VELIOTES). MESSAGE EXXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN OVER GD'S ATTITUDE AND INDICATED PERTAMINA/GOI WOULD ATTNED NO FURTHER DEDICATION CEREMONIES. WIJARSO SAID THAT IF ANY FURTHER

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INCIDENTS OCCURRED INVOLVING VISITING INDONESIANS, PERTAMINA WOULD REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS SAFETY AND CALIBRATION TESTS, THUS BLOCKING FINAL VESSEL ACCEPTANCE WHICH COULD RESULT IN FORCE MAJEURE CANCELLATION OF EASCO I CONTRACT. THIS WAS POSITION OF MINISTER SADLI AND PERTAMINA'S HARYONO AS WELL, HE ADDED. WIJARSO ALSO STATED THAT ONLY THING THAT WOULD COMPLETELY MOLLIFY GOI AT THIS POINT WOULD BE

FOR GD CHAIRMAN LWEIS TO PERSONALLY VISIT JAKARTA AND
EXTEND APOLOGY TO SADLI.

4. FOR TOKYO: WE NOTE THAT GD'S TOKYO REP GEORGE DURR IS
SLATED TO VISIT INDONESIA JUNE 12-14 ACCOMPANYING MARAD
ATTACHE SOMECK. WHILE WE ARE NOT IN POSITION TO SUGGEST
DURR CANCEL HIS TRIOP, IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT, IN
LIGHT OF EVENTS, PRESENT TIMING OF VISIT IS NOT THE MOST
OPPORTUNE. IF HE COMES, HE SHOULD BE CLEARLY PREPARED TO
DEAL WITH CURRENT PROBLEM IN NAME OF SENIOR MANAGEMENT OF
GENERAL DYNAMICS.
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